IN HONOR OF MARTHA WALLACE FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FI-NALIST FOR THE 2018 WYOMING JEFFERSON AWARD

## HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Martha Wallace on being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award. She deserves to be very proud of this prestigious recognition.

The Jefferson Award is the most revered award for public service in Wyoming. It was created with the goal of honoring individuals who enrich the communities and may otherwise go unnoticed. The award emphasizes the importance of serving local communities and that one person can indeed make a difference. In Wyoming, a panel of five judges independently score nominated individuals and determine four finalists, including one winner.

Martha Wallace has dedicated her time to providing elder care in Casper, Wyoming for over 25 years. She volunteers at the Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home and Mountain Plaza Assisted Living, doing everything from serving breakfast to residents to raising money and helping with parties and activities. She is also a member of The First Christian Church and the Christian Women's Fellowship

where she raises money and participates in various committees.

Through her work and dedication to helping others, Martha has encouraged others to get involved. Martha's work has impacted many residents of Casper and the state of Wyoming, and we are lucky to have her serve our community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Martha Wallace for being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award and thank her for her countless contributions to her community. She deserves to be extremely proud of all her hard work and of this recognition.

IN HONOR OF TONI CHARIEZ FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2018 WYOMING JEFFER-SON AWARD

## HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Toni Chariez on being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award. She deserves to be very proud of this prestigious recognition.

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who enrich the communities and may otherwise go unnoticed. The award emphasizes the importance of serving local communities and that one person can indeed make a difference. In Wyoming, a panel of five judges independently score nominated individuals and determine four finalists, including one winner.

Toni Chariez has dedicated countless hours to serving her community. After retiring, she started volunteering as a Senior Companion Volunteer with Wyoming Senior Citizen's Inc. In the 23 years since then, she has volunteered for over 26,000 hours and helped over 200 clients live independently and without long-term care. Known among her clients as "An Angel from Heaven," she takes them to run errands, on walks, and to the doctor all while keeping their spirits up.

Toni continues to dedicate her time to her clients, despite some health challenges herself. After spending 10 days in the hospital recovering from a stroke in 2011, she drove herself back home to Cheyenne, Wyoming and immediately started volunteering again. Cheyenne and our state of Wyoming are lucky to have Toni serving the community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Toni Chariez for being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award and thank her for her countless contributions to her community. She deserves to be extremely proud of all her hard work and of this recognition.